

DURRANT'S
LAST APPEALWill Be to Save His
Neck.Governor Budd to Be So-
licited.More Affidavits to Be Piled Up
for the Condemned
Murderer.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—District Attorney Barnes was formally served with a notice today that next Friday the attorneys for W. H. T. Durrant, the condemned murderer, will appear in Judge Behre's court and will ask for a change of venue, alleging that Judge Behre is biased and prejudiced.

The service was in the nature of an affidavit sworn to by the elder Durrant. The affidavit is accompanied by a large portion of the affidavit filed by the prisoner when last in court.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—(Later)—Attorney Louis P. Boardman today announced that the basis of the appeal to the governor would be in the case of Theodore Durrant. The attorneys for the condemned man realize the serious predicament in which they find themselves, and while it is very apparent that they themselves have little hope, they will use every endeavor to prolong their client's life.

The governor will be asked to grant a commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment, and the principal grounds upon which the appeal is to be made will be a review of the co-religion of the Blanche Lamont case with that of Minnie Williams. In other words, according to Mr. Boardman, the governor will be asked to request the district attorney to bring the Minnie Williams case to trial, and the attorneys think that a trial of that case will show the real murderers and result in the acquittal of Durrant.

Mr. Boardman said the arrangements for prosecuting the appeal to Governor Budd would be made in a few days, but it had not been decided whether Mrs. Durrant should make a personal appeal or not.

Another surprise came in the Durrant case this afternoon when the attorneys of the condemned man filed a notice with the district attorney that they would on next Tuesday go before Judge Behre again and ask for a change of venue from the recent order of sentence on the ground that Behre was prejudiced and that he had denied Durrant his rights of citizenship.

George Collins, the well-known authority on constitutional law, has been called in for consultation in relation to some federal question that Durrant's attorneys propose springing.

FURIOUSLY INSANE.

He Wanted to Kill a United States
Consul.

LONDON, December 21.—Charles Hambold, son of the well known patent medicine man, is locked up and is awaiting trial at Bow street police station on a charge of threatening to kill United States Consul General Osborne.

The physicians think him insane. He has spent much time in London in recent years, living high when his family sent him money, and in deepest poverty between remittances. It is supposed that the Berlin adventures he describes are imaginary, and it is said that his father became insane before his death. An attempt was made to keep the affair a secret for the sake of Hambold's family.

GOLD DUST COMING.

It Is From Bonanza Creek and of
Good Size.

ST. PAUL, December 21.—The general passenger department of the Great Northern road received today a consignment of gold dust and nuggets from the Seattle chamber of commerce, the total weight being 27 pounds 11 ounces, having a value of \$6355. The precious stuff ranges from a nugget of 1 pound 6 ounces down to coarse grains of pinhead size and comes from Bonanza Creek in the Klondike district and Minook creek in the Tanana district. The gold will be displayed here for a few days and then go East to the general agencies of the road for exhibition.

Victim of Foul Play.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—The body of Jose Maria Suarez, late property man of the Italian opera company, was found floating in the bay today. The pockets of his clothes were turned inside out and \$50 in gold, known to have been in his possession when he disappeared on December 6th, was gone. The dead man's friends fear that he was the victim of foul play.

National Banks Reduce Capital.
BOSTON, December 21.—The directors of the Fireman's National Bank have voted to reduce the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$500,000.

The Reserve National Bank contemplates a reduction of its capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$1,000,000 and other national banks it is believed, will take similar action.

The American Horse.

DENVER, December 21.—Charles E. Stubbs started tonight for Europe as a special envoy of this government, appointed by Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department, to encourage the use of the American horse in the cavalry of Europe.

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.

Another Decision in Favor of the
Wright Law.

SAN DIEGO, December 21.—In the superior court today Judge Torrance rendered a decision of considerable importance to persons interested in the irrigation districts.

The action was entitled "The People by the attorney-general on the relation of Carlos Olvera against the Linda Vista Irrigation district." The action was brought to have the district disorganized and the grounds for complaint were various alleged irregularities in its formation. To all of these the defendant demurred.

This demurrer, Judge Torrance today sustained, holding that the action was barred, first by the statute of limitations and second by the decree of the supreme court upholding the validity of the Wright law, under which the Linda Vista district was organized.

STRICTLY TENTATIVE.

Labor President Gompers Outlines
His Plan of Action.

DENVER, December 21.—The Rocky Mountain News today sent a telegram to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, asking him to outline the plans of his organization for independent political action. The following response was received:

Nashville, Tenn., December 21.—The plans for our political action in the interest of labor are only in a tentative state at present. The American Federation of Labor proposes, however, to take such political action as will compel the law makers, the executives and the judiciary to protect the interests of the people. We shall elect our own representatives wherever possible and at all times defend the unionism of our cause irrespective of party. To achieve these purposes, however, we realize the necessity for the workers to unite and federate and concentrate our entire efforts to attain the greatest success.

SAMUEL GOMPERS,
President A. F. of L.

Mr. Bryan Takes Leave.

CITY OF MEXICO, December 21.—Mr. Bryan called on all the cabinet ministers today and this evening with Mrs. Bryan was entertained at dinner by the president and Mrs. Diaz at their city residence. The Bryan party leaves for Vera Cruz in the morning and will return via Puebla to this city Saturday night when they will go to Guadalajara and thence home.

NATIONAL BONDS

Significant Report by Comptroller
Coffin.Prevailing Low Rates of Interest
Have Advanced Prices of
U. S. Bonds.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Mr. D. D. Coffin, the acting comptroller of the treasury, today called attention to the fact that the retirement of national bank notes during the first twenty days of this month reached the sum of \$3,000,000.

This is said to be the first time during the last ten years that the voluntary retirement has reached this amount in any one month. Under the national bank act the United States treasurer is not allowed to receive for the retirement of circulation more than \$3,000,000 in any one month and hence will deposit the last ten days of this month must be retired.

This exceptional condition, Mr. Coffin says, is due to the prevailing low rates of interest, arising from a superabundance of money for investment, which has advanced the price of United States bonds. Mr. Coffin expressed the opinion that the law should be amended in this particular, as it interferes with the elasticity of the currency and general laws of trade.

A LIVELY TIME

It Was in an Oakland
Butcher Shop.A Masked Robber Who Got
Nothing for His
Pains.

OAKLAND, December 21.—A robber, masked in red, marched into William Cron's butcher shop at Fifth avenue and East Eighteenth street, tonight and shot Louis Brudschel because he showed light on the intruder's demand to throw up his hands. Twice the command was given before Brudschel or his employer, Mr. Cron, realized that the matter was not a joke.

Then Brudschel, who was near the robber, half turned and seized a butcher's steel from the counter behind him. The would-be robber fired one shot from the pistol he had been holding at arm's length.

As he shot Brudschel threw the steel, and as the man backed out of the door Cron sent a cleaver flying after him. Brudschel got a pistol and fired several shots at the fleeing man without effect. Brudschel was hit by the first shot but the wound is not dangerous.

Arizona Feels Cold Too.

PHOENIX, Arizona, December 21.—The first snow storm of the season, which commenced Sunday, has been followed by a cold wave and the mercury dropped to see below zero this morning, being as low as ever recorded.

THE LETTERS
AND ARMOURSome Secrets of Wheat
Trades.May Wheat is Easy But
Prices Low.Rumors of Heavy Shipments Con-
tracted for in January Next.
The Outlook.

CHICAGO, December 21.—May wheat opened easy and about $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ lower than it closed yesterday at \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Liverpool was only $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ higher at the opening. Chicago receipts were heavy, amounting to 370 cars, of which number 340 were of contract quality. Minneapolis received only 172 cars and Duluth reported 118 cars as compared with a total of 582 last week.

This turned the general feeling toward the bull side again and the opening weakness soon gave place to "considerable strength." This was followed by a reaction, and later the market turned strong again. This re-awakening was kept up all morning. The first advance was led by the bull clique and on several subsequent occasions, when the market appeared to require help, the same party was credited with being its rescuer.

There is a strong probability that by December 31st there will be \$300,000,000 of contract wheat in regular Chicago houses. Rumors of vessel mail having been taken in New York for shipment early in January for account of the bull clique of Chicago were circulated on the floor. Later in the morning the market became quite weak under realizing by professionals. There was reason to believe also that the Letter crowd sold considerable.

The market gradually declined to 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and closed at 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. There were further large deliveries of wheat this afternoon, Armour delivering 730,000 bushels and other dealers as much more. December closed at \$1, where it wound up yesterday.

Corn was much quieter than yesterday, closing at $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ to $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ lower.

Oats were steady, closing with a loss of only $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ to $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢.

Provisions were weak. The heavy run of hogs have started quite free selling. At the close May pork was 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lower, May lard 10¢ lower and May ribs 12¢ lower.

CHICAGO, December 21.—"A more incident, I assure you. We are now practical all out of the whole matter. We have a little wheat yet to deliver; the necessary whole are ready for delivery when the proper time approaches for the filling of these comparatively small outstanding contracts and there's an end of the affair so far as we are concerned."

Thus, with choice terseness, does L. D. Armour define his position in these, the closing days of one of the biggest wheat deals that have marked the history of the board of trade. Joseph Leiter, his youthful opponent, is just as calm and confident in his expressions as the big provision man.

"Mr. Armour sold wheat," he declares, "and I bought of him. That is all. There was no battle. It was common, almost elementary, business transaction. I shall sell the wheat which I have purchased when the need of the foreign market demands it. I shall sell at a profit and that's the closing chapter of any part of the story."

These statements, coming from the principals in the December wheat deals, have caused much comment in board of trade circles. Will Joseph Leiter make a profit in the round four million bushels of wheat which have been placed in his hands by the provision man, is now the question.

The report is going the rounds that the affair was productive of results indicating a big Armour-Leiter combine. In many minds this rumor was given credence. The manipulation of the local market by Leiter agents pulling the wires from the Liverpool end was recited over and over. This idea, however, is ridiculed by the majority of traders.

Some members of the board say that Leiter has secured 5,000,000 bushels of the cereals. Others place the figure as high as 15,000,000, while the more conservative are willing to admit that half the latter amount is nearer the correct estimate. Mr. Leiter asserts that just as much of this will go abroad as the foreign market calls for if "they pay him his price."

"Some folks on the board think I can't transport grain eastward by rail without a loss, do they?" said Mr. Leiter. "Well, possibly they can't, but I'm willing to play out my end of the game along my own lines and may differ with these prophets considerably."

Another Klondyke Speculation.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—A first-class ocean steamer, the Amur, has been purchased by the Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transportation Corporation of Victoria, which was organized by Sir Charles Tappan. She will run to Sitka and St. Michaels.

Paid in Full.

ST. LOUIS, December 21.—George J. Frith, president of the Frith Furniture Company, and one of the leading business men of South St. Louis, committed suicide today. He was dependent over inability to pay pressing creditors.

They Favor Bryan.

SPRINGFIELD, December 21.—The legislature today adopted a joint resolution endorsing the selection of Colonel Charles Page Bryan of Illinois as Minister to China.

TO CLOSE TREATY PORTS

A Possible Difficulty With the
Dominion Government.

TORONTO, Ont., December 21.—The Toronto Board of Trade has taken up the complaint of the British Columbia board that Canadians going into the Yukon districts are subjected to vexatious regulations on the part of the United States customs authorities and has adopted resolutions calling on the government to communicate with the United States government.

The resolutions declare that in the event of the government's not taking such immediate steps as may lead to fairer regulations in the port of Dyes, the government of Canada should at once take steps to close all Canadian ports of entry for trade entering the Yukon district from the Pacific Coast, excepting Leno and Port Oudlay.

ROAD AGENTS BAFLED.

One Dying and the Other to be
Heard From.

REDDING, December 21.—Two masked men attempted to rob the Southern Pacific Company's station at Kewick tonight but they were driven off by Station Agent L. Schuckmann, when he shot one of the robbers and drove off the other.

Schuckmann resides in the depot and was in his room when the robbers entered the waiting room, covering with pistols two men who were sitting there. Schuckmann entered and after an exchange of shots the robbers retreated. One was found in a dying condition a short distance from the depot and died after a few hours. The other made his escape. The robbers secured nothing.

Troops for Alaska.

VANCOUVER, B. C., December 21.—Major L. H. Rucker, Fourth cavalry, who leaves here on December 21st on a preliminary investigation, will be accompanied by Lieutenant L. P. Field, Fourteenth infantry. They will be followed later on by Captain E. B. Edridge, Assistant Surgeon, F. N. Kemp, Fifth infantry, and Company H, Fourteenth infantry, who will take charge of the relief stores and take them over the trail to the suffering Yukon miners. Lieutenant Field will also form one of the party.

Her Heart Affected.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Mrs. Balington Booth, who is in the Proshyterian hospital suffering with heart trouble, was tonight said to be in a serious condition.

CHINESE SPOILS.

Japan Will Sternly Resent
Partition.England, France, Russia and
Germany Want a
Share.

BERLIN, December 21.—The Cologne Gazette maintains the accuracy of the statement that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne about a week ago. As a proof of it, it points out that there was neither a Russian ship nor a Russian consul at Port Arthur at the time the Daphne visited the harbor and it argues that Russia could only have learned of the visit through the British complaint. The Gazette's correspondent of the Cologne Gazette telegraphs in a paper yesterday that a week ago, in spite of the protests of the Chinese, the British warship Daphne entered the inner harbor at Port Arthur, allegedly to ascertain whether there were Russian ships there and that the Russian occupation of the port was connected with the visit.

LONDON, December 22.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, the British squadron will make a demonstration at Choo Foo on the North coast of the Shan Tung Promontory, as a warning. It is supposed that Great Britain intends to oppose the division of China into spheres of influence. It is reported here that Russia has offered China a loan to pay off the indemnity of the war with Japan, and that England and Japan are acting in concert to preserve China from disintegration, favoring the idea of a capital at Nanking.

LONDON, December 22.—A German-Chinese mission has been arranged, according to a dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Mail, to settle the boundaries of the occupied district at Kiao Chan and it is evident, therefore, that the occupation will be permanent. The same dispatch says it is rumored in Shanghai that the British intend to occupy Tientsin and the Gulf of Pechey Li. The Daily Mail's correspondent at Tokio says there is no excitement over the news from Port Arthur. The press is calm and the public is indignant. It is rumored, the dispatch alleges, that a large Russian military force is coming from Siberia.

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A SPANISH ULTIMATUM

Fair Warning to the United States.

General Weyler's Policy Approved.

President McKinley's Recent Message to Congress Objectionable to the Spaniards.

HAVANA, Cuba, December 21.—In a speech today Senor Santos Gozmann, president of congress, touched upon the patriotic sentiments of the Spanish people, and referring to President McKinley's recent message to congress, he protested against it, alleging that it was offensive to Spain, to General Weyler and the Spanish army. He also held that it indicated probable early intervention, a "warning to the most beautiful nation which will not permit such humiliation."

Senor Gozmann succeeded in uniting the opposing factions in the party, thus avoiding the disruption which had been encouraged by the reformists.

Senor Gozmann submitted a motion, which was unanimously approved, expressing confidence in President Apeagui and the executive committee and confirming the political platform of the party, which is essentially Spanish and centralist, as against home rule and withdrawal from political struggles, while authorizing the executive committee to determine when the condition of the country and general-in-chief demand the party's service.

The executive committee was authorized to send a cable to General Weyler, the substance of which was that at a mass meeting the policy of his excellency was endorsed and the party assured the General he had its support.

HAVANA, December 21.—It was announced from the palace today that during the past ten days the insurgents have lost 303 men killed and that, in addition, the Spanish troops have captured seventeen prisoners and that sixty-nine armed insurgents have surrendered. The troops, it is further announced, have captured ninety-five stands of firearms during this time. Among the killed, the statement continues, are three insurgent leaders and three officers of the insurgent forces. The Spanish troops, during the same period, according to official statistics, lost three officers and thirty-three soldiers killed and had thirteen officers killed and 212 wounded.

JAPAN IN TROUBLE.

Explanations Due for Acts of Mob Violence.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The department of state has undertaken an investigation of two very disagreeable incidents that may contain in themselves the germs of serious trouble in the near future. They are the killing by Japanese of two sailors attached to the United States fleet on the Asiatic station.

The officials have been advised of the bare facts only, but following so closely on the terrible assault at Kobe last September of a Japanese mob upon the sailors of the Yorktown, these killings have aroused them to a determination to secure protection for our sailors in Japanese ports.

What Bryan is This?

Boston, December 21.—One hundred precincts out of a total of 191 give Curtis, Republican, 19,140; Goldstein, Socialist, 475; Quincy, Democrat, 20,905; Riley, Bryan Democrat, 1437. The Quincy men claim that he will carry the city by a majority larger than that of a year ago.

A National Bank Fails.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The comptroller of the currency has received notice of the failure of the First National Bank of Portland, Me. The bank has a capital of \$50,000 and according to its last statement had deposits aggregating \$95,000. Bank Examiner Ambler has been placed in charge.

Cut in Wages.

Worcester, Mass., December 21.—The Millbury cotton mills, following the lead of the Fall River mills, has posted a notice of a cut of 10 per cent in wages to take effect January 1st.

The National Bank Chequer.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$237,572,011; gold reserve, \$159,008,975.

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THE HOG IN POLITICS.

France Starts Out on a Strictly Retaliatory Policy.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The action of the French chamber of deputies yesterday in passing a government bill increasing the duties on hogs, hog products, lard etc., is regarded as retaliatory in effect against the United States. For some time negotiations have been proceeding between France and this country toward making a reciprocity arrangement. They came to a stop recently when the authorities here asked as a condition of such an agreement that France raise its restrictions against American cattle and meat products.

The French ambassador, M. Patezotte, communicated with his government, but no reply was given. He was soon after directed to return to Paris, where he is now in conference with the French authorities. No word has been received as to the purpose of France since the ambassador left, but the action in the chamber when the raise of duties on certain meat products was put through by the premier, M. Meunier, leads to the conclusion that the French policy will not be toward abolishing the restrictions but toward increasing their stringency.

ENTICED FROM SCHOOL.

A Case Which Evokes Reminders of Charles Ross.

SHREVEPORT, La., December 21.—A mysterious woman in black and wearing a heavy dark veil yesterday enticed from school George Alfred Preston and Elsie May Preston, brother and sister, aged 11 and 9 years respectively.

They hurried away in a closed carriage, which started in a northerly direction, supposedly for Plymouth, where a train could be taken. The police and sheriff are investigating the case.

Rudy-Patton.

A. J. Rudy and Miss Belle Patton of Fowler were married at 8 o'clock last evening by Rev. J. W. Webb. The marriage took place at the house of the bride near Fowler. A number of invited guests were present and after the marriage ceremony a wedding supper was served.

The Estate Insolvent.

In the matter of the estate of Samuel Jenkins the administrators have been ordered to pay the residue of the estate amounting to \$63 to the creditors. The proceeds received from the sale of the estate were not sufficient to pay the debts in full and an appointment was made.

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DOCKS FOR SHIPS

Growing Responsibilities of Uncle Sam.

Having Battleships and Cruisers They Must be Cleaned.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Senator Hale, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs, was in conference today with Secretary Long with reference to the proposed legislation for increasing the docking facilities of the navy.

The conference related especially to the advisability of substituting floating for fixed docks at some points where docks are contemplated. There are some places where docks are considered desirable, but at which steady structures are not believed to be practical. Algiers, La., is one of these points, and it is practically decided that if any dock is placed there it will be a floating one, capable of being moved.

The estimates of the navy department, so far as made, are favorable to the steel structures on the point of economy, but all the figures have not been completed.

Senator Hale said after leaving the department that the general dock question would be taken in earnest by the congressional committee after the holidays, and he expressed confidence that legislation on the general lines of the department's plans would be received during the present session. He thinks that the continuing contract system will be adopted in preparing for the work, to that the immediate appropriation required will not be comparatively large.

Fruit and Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—The following are prices furnished by the San Francisco Fruit Exchange, Jobbing:

DRYED FRUIT.

New crop in carload—Apples 50¢ per pound for Royal, 70¢ for Moor; prunes, carload, 40-50¢ 40¢; 50-60¢ 3¢; 60-70¢ 4¢; 70-80¢ 5¢; 80-90¢ 6¢; 90-100¢ 7¢; 100-110¢ 8¢; 110-120¢ 9¢; 120-130¢ 10¢; 130-140¢ 11¢; 140-150¢ 12¢; 150-160¢ 13¢; 160-170¢ 14¢; 170-180¢ 15¢; 180-190¢ 16¢; 190-200¢ 17¢; 200-210¢ 18¢; 210-220¢ 19¢; 220-230¢ 20¢; 230-240¢ 21¢; 240-250¢ 22¢; 250-260¢ 23¢; 260-270¢ 24¢; 270-280¢ 25¢; 280-290¢ 26¢; 290-300¢ 27¢; 300-310¢ 28¢; 310-320¢ 29¢; 320-330¢ 30¢; 330-340¢ 31¢; 340-350¢ 32¢; 350-360¢ 33¢; 360-370¢ 34¢; 370-380¢ 35¢; 380-390¢ 36¢; 390-400¢ 37¢; 400-410¢ 38¢; 410-420¢ 39¢; 420-430¢ 40¢; 430-440¢ 41¢; 440-450¢ 42¢; 450-460¢ 43¢; 460-470¢ 44¢; 470-480¢ 45¢; 480-490¢ 46¢; 490-500¢ 47¢; 500-510¢ 48¢; 510-520¢ 49¢; 520-530¢ 50¢; 530-540¢ 51¢; 540-550¢ 52¢; 550-560¢ 53¢; 560-570¢ 54¢; 570-580¢ 55¢; 580-590¢ 56¢; 590-600¢ 57¢; 600-610¢ 58¢; 610-620¢ 59¢; 620-630¢ 60¢; 630-640¢ 61¢; 640-650¢ 62¢; 650-660¢ 63¢; 660-670¢ 64¢; 670-680¢ 65¢; 680-690¢ 66¢; 690-700¢ 67¢; 700-710¢ 68¢; 710-720¢ 69¢; 720-730¢ 70¢; 730-740¢ 71¢; 740-750¢ 72¢; 750-760¢ 73¢; 760-770¢ 74¢; 770-780¢ 75¢; 780-790¢ 76¢; 790-800¢ 77¢; 800-810¢ 78¢; 810-820¢ 79¢; 820-830¢ 80¢; 830-840¢ 81¢; 840-850¢ 82¢; 850-860¢ 83¢; 860-870¢ 84¢; 870-880¢ 85¢; 880-890¢ 86¢; 890-900¢ 87¢; 900-910¢ 88¢; 910-920¢ 89¢; 920-930¢ 90¢; 930-940¢ 91¢; 940-950¢ 92¢; 950-960¢ 93¢; 960-970¢ 94¢; 970-980¢ 95¢; 980-990¢ 96¢; 990-1000¢ 97¢; 1000-1010¢ 98¢; 1010-1020¢ 99¢; 1020-1030¢ 100¢; 1030-1040¢ 101¢; 1040-1050¢ 102¢; 1050-1060¢ 103¢; 1060-1070¢ 104¢; 1070-1080¢ 105¢; 1080-1090¢ 106¢; 1090-1100¢ 107¢; 1100-1110¢ 108¢; 1110-1120¢ 109¢; 1120-1130¢ 110¢; 1130-1140¢ 111¢; 1140-1150¢ 112¢; 1150-1160¢ 113¢; 1160-1170¢ 114¢; 1170-1180¢ 115¢; 1180-1190¢ 116¢; 1190-1200¢ 117¢; 1200-1210¢ 118¢; 1210-1220¢ 119¢; 1220-1230¢ 120¢; 1230-1240¢ 121¢; 1240-1250¢ 122¢; 1250-1260¢ 123¢; 1260-1270¢ 124¢; 1270-1280¢ 125¢; 1280-1290¢ 126¢; 1290-1300¢ 127¢; 1300-1310¢ 128¢; 1310-1320¢ 129¢; 1320-1330¢ 130¢; 1330-1340¢ 131¢; 1340-1350¢ 132¢; 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TRAIN DERAILLED

Accident to the Fresno Local.

Broken Rail Near Madera the Cause.

The Passengers Uninjured, but Their Escape Was a Narrow One.

Train No. 614, the Southern Pacific flyer which runs from this city to Oakland, was derailed yesterday morning about 6:30 o'clock near the Irigoin switch about eight miles this side of Madera, and it was a miracle that the accident was not accompanied by great loss of life.

As it was, not a person was hurt, although the wreck was one of the most serious that ever happened in the San Joaquin valley.

The train left Fresno in the morning at 5:30 o'clock, on schedule time. It consisted of the engine, baggage car, smoker and coach, and was in charge of Conductor Collins and Engineer Gray. There were about fifteen passengers aboard, all from this city.

Owing to a leaky engine on the Sunset Limited, which came through at 4 o'clock, the regular locomotive for the local train had been transferred to that train, and No. 614 was sent out with a heavy freight engine, No. 1719, in its place.

The train was going at the rate of about thirty-five miles an hour when the accident occurred about 300 yards north of the switch at Irigoin. A rail gave way under the drive wheels of the heavy locomotive, causing it to leave the track.

As soon as the news of the wreck reached Fresno a Republican reporter quickly proceeded to the scene. A close investigation showed that the rail which was broken had been poorly supported at the end by two rotten ties. The break occurred about four feet from the end of the rail, and the lower part of the fracture was clear and bright. But the upper portion was coated with rust, showing that it had been previously cracked.

An account he felt that the drive wheels were off the track, the engine and the train, and the air brakes, but the "drivers" played into the time for the distance of about 150 yards before he could bring the train to a stop. The wheels of the cars also left the rails and ran on the ties, cutting deep furrows in them.

At this time the train came to a standstill, the tender had been capsized and was dragging on its side. It was badly smashed.

The engine was still top up, though slanted across the grade and on the point of overturning. The baggage car was nearly torn to pieces, and the engine was tilted at an angle of about forty-five degrees. The last coach remained upright with the front trucks on the ties and the rear wheels still on the rails.

What provoked the cars from piling up and thus causing great damage and terrible loss of life was the fact that the forward trucks of the locomotive struck the rails upon the track. Had these hit the rails the engine would have torn its way down the embankment, dragging its load of human freight to almost certain death. But by holding to the track the front trucks kept the engine upright and maintained its course along the top of the embankment.

As it was, the passengers escaped with only a severe shaking up. They may certainly feel very thankful, however, for their narrow escape.

For the distance of about 150 yards that the train ran on the ties the track was badly torn up and many of the ties were shown to be rotten.

The passengers were very much frightened when they realized from the violent bumping and rocking that the trucks were off the rails and were running on the ties. Everything happened so quickly, however, that there was no time for the passengers to get out of the coaches. It was probably best that they remained and clung to their seats. When the train came to a standstill they all quickly clambered out of the coaches, none the worse for their disagreeable experience. It was still dark and cold.

A large force of men working on the track near Hurndon was immediately ordered to the scene of the wreck, and a temporary track was constructed around the derailed train. Traffic was delayed only a few hours. A wrecking party is at work getting the derailed train back on the rails.

This is the second accident to the Fresno local within the past few months. Last summer it was derailed near the same place, and serious loss of life was narrowly averted at that time.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Election of Officers Last Night. Supreme Warden Parish.

At a regular meeting of Fresno Council, Royal Arcanum, held last night at the council hall in Edgerly block, the following officers were elected: Past master, S. J. Pratt; regent, T. G. Hart; vice regent, M. H. Webster; orator, E. T. Wolcott; secretary, Jarvis Stroeter; collector, F. W. Harpster; treasurer, L. O. Seal; guide, A. H. Brown; warden, B. A. Alexander; sentry, J. H. Hall.

Supreme Warden Thomas A. Parish visited the council. Mr. Parish reports the order throughout the state as very flourishing, and a strong effort is being made to secure a grand council for California.

Escaped From Officer at Fresno on Way to San Quentin.

Chas. W. Wilkins, age 27 years; height, 5 feet 9 inches; blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion, medium build; scar at base of left thumb on inside hand; several long scars on left index finger; very long broken scar under chin; nose has been broken; large vaccination mark on left arm; wore black cutaway coat and vest, white Fedora hat, white high collar and black necktie and topknot shoes; occupation, bookkeeper; \$50 reward.

Dated Los Angeles, December 20, 1897. JOHN HENRY, Sheriff.

Universal Food Choppers at Barrett Hicks Co.'s.

Save your eye sight. Have your eyes examined free by the expert opticians, Dr. McKim and Dr. Hannan, at Giant's, jeweler, 1912 Mariposa street.

PRIZE FIGHT AT FOWLER.

Two Colored Men Give a Brutal Exhibition.

Saturday evening last a fierce five round contest with 4-jones gloves between Joe Wolfe of Fowler and Sam Johnston of Fresno, colored pugilists, took place in the Good Templar's hall before a large gathering of well-to-do men, but shall say no more about the fight, as they might be just plain beings, you know.

Those present say the battle was to a finish and that Joe Wolfe didn't do a thing to Johnston but pummeled him black and blue and the rest of his body face until the crimson fluid trickled down his nose. The padding of the gloves had been carefully shoved back from over the knuckles of the combatants so that there should be no rebound from the blows.

In the fifth round Wolfe slipped down. When rising, and while only part of the way up, Johnston thought it a golden opportunity and dealt Wolfe a terrific blow on the neck, falling him to the floor. Referee Frank Nelson called it a foul and closed the fight, awarding the contest to Wolfe, which decision was accepted gracefully and without protest by Johnston and his supporters.

Prize fight! And in Fowler, too. Aren't we getting just a little too metropolitan? I don't know just what my friend the editor of the *Register* will say next week about such affairs, or how it will be to under the patronage of those influential (2) people hereabout. It strikes me that our hall might be rented for better purposes.

THE T. DAY. Fowler, December 21, 1897.

A Peculiar Vindication.

From the Tulare Register.

Dr. O'Brien has been vindicated. He has also resigned from the position of superintendent of the state school of insanity at Ione. "No vindication, no resignation," were the conditions of those influential (2) people hereabout. It strikes me that our hall might be rented for better purposes.

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Experts declare that Fresno is the ideal spot for chicken raising. An inspection of the fowls at the poultry show will justify the statement.

A GERMANY paper whose name is too long to be given here, says that the Monroe doctrine should be met with guns. What's the matter? Has the Kaiser's gun given out in the fatherland?

The "new era" edition of the *Call*, issued on Sunday last, is a magnificent exposition of the state and its industries, and is a forcible reminder of the fact that the *Call* is now one of the leading journals of the nation.

The most inartistic piece of work that has been done in California for some time is that job of whitewashing on Dr. O'Brien of the Preston school. The work is so raw that the Doctor in his native colors shines through it like a Klondyke's nose in a snow storm.

T. O. BEATTY, who is serving a term in the penitentiary at Philadelphia, has written an account of his life which he calls "Life Experiences of a Smart Fool." Considering Mr. Beatty's present situation, "smart" doesn't seem to be the appropriate adjective to apply to himself.

Is it possible that Trustee Spinney is not the earnest and conscientious official that we were assured he was when he donned the habiliments of a Democratic reformer? Against such base suspicion. A cheerful worker in the field of Democratic reform can surely do no wrong.

Chaucer's *Devil* is coming to California soon, which justifies the expectation that the cold wave will subside. Wherever Chaucer puts in an appearance even winter smiles and geniality flourishes like a green bay tree. It will leave New York in a painfully frigid state, however.

The Selma *Irregular* says that "the bicyclists of Selma are making a cycle road from Selma to Wildflower, and the Hanford riders will continue it from Wildflower to Hanford." Why should not the cyclists of Fresno and Selma unite and make a first-class wheel road between the latter points, thus completing a cycle road from Fresno to Hanford? There ought to be enough enterprising wheelmen in this city to carry out a project of that kind.

A MATTER OF RECORD.

In the heated argument now being carried on by the Fresno Republican and the Fresno Democrat over the cost of the county government, the latter paper is probably correct in stating that the act was enacted by two Democrats and one Republican member of the legislature from this district. The entire bill was a dirty piece of business anyhow.—*Singer Herald*.

It is not a question of probability, but of fact and of record. The present salary list in almost its entirety was put through the legislature at a time when the county had but two representatives. Both were Democrats and the job was done at the instigation of Democratic office-holders. At the following session the county was represented by the same Democrats and a Populist-Republican. Two or three reductions were made, and the salary list stands now as it was left at that time.

Larger and more general reductions were made at the subsequent session of the legislature, but the bill was vetoed by Governor Budd. The reductions made in the last legislature go into effect in one year from January 1st. No Republican had anything to do with the existing salary list, unless an exception be made of the factionist who assisted in making the reductions above referred to. Every Republican who has represented the county in the legislature since that time has worked zealously for reductions. That is the record.

Two dispatches from New York add to the evidence that the country is more prosperous this year than it was last. In one it is stated that the Christmas money order business of the New York postoffice greatly exceeds that of any other year, and in the other it is announced that there were 33,300 fewer idle workmen in that city now than there were during the same time in 1896. The condition with regard to labor existing in New York no doubt obtains in all the cities of this country. There are probably between 25 and 30 per cent fewer idle laborers in the United States at present than there were this time last year, and we believe that the percentage will take another big jump next year. As for the foreign money orders issued by the New York postoffice this season, they amounted to \$1,559,836 (1,559,836) during the first eighteen days in December. Of course this amount will be greatly increased during the next fortnight. It is probable that at least \$2,000,000 will be sent by foreign bank citizens to relatives in Europe as Christmas remembrances through the New York postoffice alone. All these things speak well for the financial condition of the people of this country and successfully offset the warnings and warnings of the calamity.

The Selma *Enterprise* affirms the position taken by the *Republican* a couple of years ago when it says that it would be better for the county to build a mile of permanent, substantial highway each year where it is most needed than to continue to spend the money haphazard in grading roads that are not improved thereby and making repairs that last little longer than it takes to make them. The fact is that at least one-half the appropriation for road work should be cut off permanently unless it is found possible to spend the money for better advantage than it has been in the past. The system of spending money that has been in vogue has been too much like pouring water into a rat hole. It disappears, but the effect has not been particularly gratifying.

So the judgements on the notes given by Luettger to the attorney who defended him at his first trial are forged. The attorney would have done better had he taken some of Luettger's answers in payment, notwithstanding that they are looked upon with profound suspicion in Chicago. He might have converted them into cash by shipping them elsewhere, without coming into conflict with the law, but he cannot dispose of the forged notes in such a manner. That attorney probably entertains different ideas now regarding Luettger's innocence.

We are not inclined to share the impression that the English are going to be left when it comes to "acquiring footholds" in China. At any rate Americans ought to hope that England will demand and get the lion's share. With England dominant in China our commerce with that country would stand a better show for expansion than it would with either Germany or Russia in control.

RANDOM REMARKS.

The female reporters of the yellow journals are sure that Albert Verene is a black-and-white character. (For short) murdered Mrs. Clute because he is so ugly. A jury of women would make short work of Mr. Verene—that is, Mr. Hoff.

A missionary from North Carolina had his pocket picked of \$100 at New Haven, Conn., the other day. You never hear of an editor man having his pocket picked of \$100—and it isn't because he hasn't any pockets, either.

Mrs. Lease had announced her determination to run for congress in the Seventh Kansas district. Are there no righteous men in the Seventh, that the Lord has decided to allot it with Mrs. Lease's oratorical brimstone and fire?

The *Expositor's* San Francisco correspondent is positive that the Democratic nominee for governor will be a San Joaquin valley man. We can all imagine Mr. A. B. Butler blushing modestly as he reads that prediction.

John Hogan, an inmate of the Cook county insane asylum at Chicago, cut his throat with a knife on the other day. It takes a crazy man to do original things. Under favoring circumstances such a man would hang himself with a hawser or shoot himself with a Krupp gun.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baldwin of San Francisco, it is said, intend helping Mr. Deacon (the former's sister) to re-enter the New York society. Perhaps the fate will overtake this enterprising couple that often overtakes those who attempt to keep others from slipping on the ice; that is, they may take a tumble themselves.

The Fresno *Tribune* says that Germany is not ruled by a "blustering bully," as stated by this paper some days ago. If Editor Guenther can furnish the *Republican* with a better designation for the consorted as who imprisons people for calling attention to his ears (the offense is called "majestatsbeleidigung" in German) he is invited to give this paper the benefit of his superior wisdom.

Trustees Oltendren and Spinney should not take offense at Tom Dack's designating them as American. Mr. Tom Dack had undoubtedly heard white men playfully call each other that name and may have thought he was naming the trustees a great compliment. What Mr. Tom Dack needs is a dictionary and about thirty days of leisure in the county jail to study it.

Florence Shepherd and Thomas Lee Dehning had been "practically engaged" ever since the former was eight years of age. Their marriage was set for the 10th inst and Thomas was to claim his bride. They had not seen each other for several years, and when Florence "saw" her eyes upon Thomas she declined to marry him. Now, what was the matter with Thomas? Did he have an ox-bow lip? Was he wearing a red necktie? Or was his breath of roseate hue? The Associated Press ought to attend to its business better and not leave the public in such uncertainty.

R. M. M.

The Leading Newspaper.
From the Selma *Enterprise*.
The Fresno *Republican* is the leading newspaper of the valley—and it is a newspaper. It has few equals and no superiors among the interior journals of the state, as we have frequently before had occasion to remark.

IMPLICIT CONFIDENCE

Reposed in a Fresno Jewelry House.
Not many people are well posted as to values in diamonds and fine jewelry. So when the holiday season comes around and they find themselves preparing to select presents, most people with good sense go to an established, reliable and reputable house to do their trading. Fresno people with great unanimity go to where there is a large and fine assortment of choice furs and where the buyer knows that he is absolutely safe in making his purchase. It is the sensible plan.

Asparagus, Potatoes, Spinach, Mistletoe, Violets, etc., for sale at Woman's Exchange, 1133 J street.
The best of Minnie Meat, Fruit Cake and Plum Pudding at Woman's Exchange.
Dinner served at 1 o'clock Christmas day at Woman's Exchange.
Home-made Noodles for sale at Woman's Exchange.

Do you want perfect fitted glass? Steel, \$1 and up; gold \$3.50 and up. See Dr. McKenna & Hannan at Giant's, Jeweler, 1912 Mariposa street.

Toys at Thompson's.
Sanitary Plumbing goods. We are leaders. Barrett-Hicks Co.

PROVIDING FOR THE POOR.

The Salvation Army's New Year's Dinner.
The Salvation Army will give its annual free dinner to the poor of this city on New Year's day and is now in the field soliciting donations of food, money and clothing.

It has been said of India that there are millions of its inhabitants who never know the sensation of a full stomach, and who are truly thankful that they are not in their condition, yet it may be truly said that there are thousands even in this favored country who are frequently unpleasantly intimate with the sensation of an empty one. Let us who regularly enjoy our three meals a day for 365 days in the year, at this season of peace and good will, render aid in a practical manner to our less fortunate brethren and sisters.

In addition to feeding the hungry crowd who may come to the hall, the army will endeavor to discover and supply the needs of all the poor families in Fresno who for various reasons could not come to the dinner. In former years this branch has monopolized a large share of the donations sent in.

We have little doubt that there are many *Republican* readers who have in the recesses of cupboards and closets various garments that have seen their last days, and are now only serving as a tree to the mouse. If these were distributed among those whose clothing is too scanty to serve as a protection against this winter weather, they would get into circulation themselves and keep it going in some one else which would be a double benefit.

The dinner will take place in the Salvation Army hall, 1133 K street, between the hours of 12 and 5 p.m. Donations of food and clothing will be thankfully received at the same address. A kettle will be placed on some street corner in which cash donations may be placed. There are numbers of children in Fresno who, we fear, will be neglected by Santa Claus, who seem to be neglected by hard times, as are the rest of us, and all such children the Army wishes to come to their Christmas tree on Monday, December 27th, at 5 p.m. A. B.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

N. G. Ballard and Q. V. Day yesterday filed a location on a quartz claim which he has named the Silver Star.
The annual Christmas tree will be given at the free kindergarten tomorrow forenoon at 10 o'clock. The little ones will render a program on the occasion.

G. A. Saunders, charged with threatening to kill his wife, was discharged from custody by Justice St. John yesterday. He agreed to leave Fresno upon the first train and to not molest his wife in the future.
Mrs. Delphina Olney, wife of Frank Olney of Sanger, died on Monday from consumption. The remains were brought to Fresno and the burial took place yesterday forenoon from the Catholic church. The interment was at the Mountain View cemetery. Deceased was a native of Nebraska and 31 years of age.

Smith-Huntsman.

Joel H. Smith and Miss Francis Huntsman were married at the home of Horace Huntsman near Selma last Sunday afternoon. Rev. M. G. Bradley of the Baptist church officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for Southern California on a brief wedding tour. They will take up their residence at Cleander, where the groom is principal of the school.

Poor Soul! Poor Devil!

Our enemies (when we are old)—and who is without them?—no longer annoy us. Indeed, they have ceased reviling. To them we are dead men, "out of mind." To whom the proverbial motto applies. And our friends are twice our friends. No one who is not "laid by" can understand the depths of human sympathy. Even our acquaintances become our friends, and the least thoughtful of visitors murmurs to himself, "Poor soul!" or perhaps (with equal consideration), "Poor devil!" What is most curious is the interest, if we have in any way become known to the public at large, complete strangers take in our physical and mental condition.

If prescriptions could cure us, we should be in rude health condition. The materials are sometimes a little difficult to procure. I have seen a letter from New Zealand recommending an old gentleman suffering from rheumatic gout to bathe in wharves. In that island wharves are occasionally thrown up on the seaboard, when rheumatic patients hasten to lie in them during the progress of their civilization for purposes of commerce. The extreme rarity of wharves upon the Thames embankment seems to have been unknown to the writer. Some correspondents give most excellent sanitary advice, but too late for its practical application. An angel poet who had lost the use of his limbs was exhorting by an admirer to lie, "even if it were but in my back garden," for an hour or two every morning before breakfast. All that was wanted, he was assured, for complete recovery was "profuse perspiration followed by a healthy glow."—James Payn in *Nineteenth Century*.

His Own Recommendation.

When J. W. Sherwood, now general superintendent of the Clover Leaf, was superintendent of the Big Four, he had to discharge a brakeman for violation of the rules. The man hung about the office asking for a letter of recommendation. "You'd rid him Mr. Sherwood," told W. A. Sullivan, who was his chief clerk, to write the letter. This Mr. Sullivan did. The man went out and returned in half an hour.
"What's the matter now?" asked Mr. Sherwood.
"That letter you gave me is all right, isn't it?"
"Of course it is. That ought to get you a job anywhere."
"Well, I wish you would read this letter of recommendation I've got, Mr. Sherwood, and give me a job."
Sherwood took the letter on which his own name was hardly legible, read it carefully and remarked:
"I am well acquainted with Sherwood, and any one he recommends must be all right. You report to the trainmaster and tell him to put you to work."
—St. Louis *Club-Democrat*.

Christmas Presents.

Really the handiest and most care fully selected stock of goods and toys which you can find. A Xmas present for any relative or friend, with prices to suit, can be found at South & Penland's.

Toys at Thompson's.

Cameras and Christmas, Thompson's.

DENOMME'S CASE.

On Trial Again for the Murder of Chris Molbeck.
The second trial of Jeremiah Denomme for the murder of Chris Molbeck in Hunnalt & Roehon's saloon in Chinatown last October was begun before Judge Risley yesterday. The prosecution is conducted by District Attorney Snow and Deputy Fresno, while W. D. Tupper, who was one of Denomme's attorneys at the first trial, is at present lying ill in San Francisco. The following jury was selected: W. T. Hugg, W. A. Hickok, J. H. Cudwall, H. H. Brix, M. H. Madary, O. B. Anton, H. George Armstrong, Eli Cumbe, William Youren, J. D. Morgan, W. K. Washburn and R. H. Chalksler.
The witnesses examined yesterday were A. Hunnalt, E. B. Ray and a man named Scroggins, all eye-witnesses to the assault upon Molbeck by the defendant. Ray was a new witness. Their testimony was to the same effect as that produced by the prosecution at the first trial, which resulted in a disagreement of the jury.

MURDER AT O'NEAL'S.

The Result of a Family Quarrel Among Indians.
M. V. Ashbrook returned yesterday from a trip to some mines in Modoc county. When he passed O'Neal's station, which is about fifteen miles above Polkash, he was informed that an Indian had been killed near there the night before. The murderer, who is believed to have been "Me" Lewis, a native of O'Neal's station, told him of the tragedy and then fled. The culprit was in pursuit yesterday morning. Afterwards the equine of the murderer and the victim came to the place and asked to spend the night there. The request was granted.

Lewis' wife is the mother of his victim's spouse, and the killing is supposed to have resulted from a family quarrel.

The Klondyke in Fresno.

The above does not refer to the present "cold snap," but to the beautifully decorated show window of the Philadelphia Shoe Store on Mariposa street. It is one of the prettiest sights of the Christmas season, and is a realistic representation of the frozen mining region of the north. The window is highly creditable to Mr. Hoefler's artistic taste and ability.
Bicycles \$25.50 at Thompson's.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My child is nearly ill with me; yet I would have lost her by erom had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if let to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction. Oologah, Ind. Ter. Chief.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and the grippe we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Smith Bros., corner Hughes hotel.

What Dr. A. E. Salter Says.

BUFFALO, N. Y.,—Gentle.—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced Consumption, I am prepared to say it is the most remarkable remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. On one case where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot.
For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Cures Headaches, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell.
Stop that cough! Take warning. It may lead to Consumption. A 25c bottle of Shiloh's Cure may save your life.
Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the Best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money.
Catach Curel. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy; sold on a guarantee. Nasal injector free. Sold by Webster Bros., druggists, cor. Mariposa and K streets.

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly.

That's what you want! Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

Thousands are Trying It.

In order to prove the great merit of Ely's Cream Balm, the most effective cure for Catarrh and Cold in Head, we have prepared a generous trial size for 10 cents. Get it of your druggist or send 10 cents to Ely Bros., 25 Warren St., N. Y. City.

I suffered from catarrh of the worst kind ever since a boy, and I never hoped for cure, but Ely's Cream Balm seems to do even that. Many acquaintances have used it with excellent results.—Oscar Ostrom, 45 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Ely's Cream Balm is the acknowledged cure for catarrh and contains no cocaine, mercury nor any injurious drug. Price, 50 cents. At druggists or by mail.

MOTHER'S

Cure for the family ill, was the first thing I tried. It is the best thing and for troubles of the stomach, bowels and kidneys you will find it the perfect medicine.

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Telephone Block 171. 1027 J Street.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The Ohio Gold Mining Company—Office, rooms 22 and 21, Place building, in the city of Fresno, Fresno county, California.
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ABOVE COMPANY WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, ON THE 10th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock p.m. for the election of a Board of Directors, and transaction of such other business as may come before them.
By order of the president.
K. W. Brown, Secretary
Fresno, Cal., December 2, 1897.

THE LEADING DRY GOODS HOUSE OF FRESNO.

W. McCallum & Co.,

THE LARGEST AND BEST LIGHTED DRY GOODS HOUSE IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

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Sole agents Thompson's Glove-fitting Corsets.
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Special Attractions for the Holiday Trade

A RARE COMBINATION OF HIGH-CLASS MERCHANDISE AND LOW PRICES

The following stocks are well supplied with useful goods suitable for Xmas presents.

CLOAKS.

Our Cloak Stock comprises all the latest styles to be found in metropolitan centers at lowest prices on the Pacific Coast.
Stylish Jackets from \$3.50 to \$17.50.
Plush Capes, \$4.00 to \$17.50.
Cloth Capes, \$2.00 to \$7.50.
Astrachan Capes, \$5.00.
We invite all cloak buyers to examine the most complete stock in Fresno.

KID GLOVES.

Just opened—a shipment of 50 dozen Kid Gloves, which makes our Kid Glove stock the largest of any house in the interior of California. We show the best \$1 Kid Gloves in America. At \$1.50 we show real French Kid, in all colors and in two and three clasps. All gloves guaranteed and fitted to the hand at the counter.

DRESS GOODS.

We are showing a magnificent stock of Dress Goods specially selected for the holiday trade, all marked at exceptionally low prices.
Large assortment pattern suits, \$1.75 to \$16.00 per suit pattern.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

We show a stock of 600 dozen Handkerchiefs in embroidered and scalloped edges.
Also Plain Hemstitched, from 5c to 8c a piece.
Large stock Silk Handkerchiefs for ladies and gentlemen, in plain and initial, at lowest price.

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

This stock is complete with all the new materials and weaves to be found in the markets of Europe and America, all of which we offer at close prices.
Choice assortment pattern suit, one suit of each style, \$7.50 to \$20.00 per suit pattern.

UMBRELLAS.

Choice assortment Umbrellas for ladies and gentlemen, 50c to \$5 a piece.

UNDERWEAR.

Large stock Underwear for ladies, misses and children at lowest prices in the west.
Also, a large stock Men's Underwear, Suspenders (Half Hose, Night Robes and Shirts at lowest prices.

BLANKETS.

We show the Blanket Stock of Central California.
All-Wool California White Blankets, \$5.00 to \$10.00.
See J street windows for Blanket Display.

We respectfully invite all cash buyers to call and examine our stock and take advantage of the priceless values we offer.
See our show windows for the largest display of any dry goods house in the interior of California.

STORE WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY—XMAS DAY.

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WRITE FOR 1898 PRICES.
Repairing well and quickly done by skilled workmen.

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An Old Song Says—
We can give you a better pointer than that—Buy the wagon now, and don't wait any longer. Delays are dangerous.
We advise you to buy your wagon now, and buy it of us. We have a splendid stock to select from, and our prices will suit you.
Good automobiles tell us that prices will go up presently—all the more reason why you should buy your wagon now.
You can get anything you want at our repository, vehicles of all sorts and of every kind. Wagon, Sulkies, Buggies, Phaetons, Traps. Everything of the best, and prices to suit the times.

Fresno Agricultural Works.

Things Are Coming My Way.

And they'd come your way if you'd come your way for your Christmas goods. It's like saying if you add 2 and 2 the answer will be 4. It's a very simple problem. People who get 100 cents worth of goods for \$1 won't go where they may get possible 60 cents worth for the same dollar. The great buying power of the dollar at Thompson's thus explains why things are coming my way.

Thompson's Big Bargain Store,

1154 and 1156 J St.

FANCY LARGE RED APPLES, 8c PER POUND
MIXED CANDY, 8c POUNDS FOR 25c
ALL KINDS OF NUTS, 10c PER POUND
35 Kinds of Fancy Cakes and Biscuits At the Very Lowest Prices.

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IF YOU WANT TO HAVE MONEY AND MAKE YOUR CHILDREN HAPPY GO TO

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Notice to Creditors.
In the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California.
In the matter of the estate of Gabriel Olivares, deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, administrator of the estate of Gabriel Olivares, to all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, to the said administrator, personally, at his office in the courthouse, in the county of Fresno, state of California, or at the office of Everts & Swine, attorneys for said administrator, rooms 2 and 3, First National Bank building, city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California.
Dated November 22, 1897.
J. H. CURRER, Administrator of the estate of Gabriel Olivares, deceased.
Everts & Swine, Attorneys for administrator 223120

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE Fresno Gold Mining Co., a California corporation, will be held at the office of the company, room 24, Place building, Fresno, Cal., on Monday, the 2nd day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock p.m.
K. W. BROWN, Secretary.

RADIN & KAMP—THE WHITE FRONT STORES.

A TIMELY REMINDER

—WHERE TO BUY—

Your Christmas Gifts

We desire, of course, to refer you to our stores. Our stock is enormous, our variety of novelties equally so, while our remarkably low prices are within the reach of all.

Beautiful Dolls	For Xmas Gifts.	Purest of Bleached Linen Damask Table Sets	For Xmas Gifts.
A Lovely Assortment of Fancy Goods	For Xmas Gifts.	Splendid Damask Towels	For Xmas Gifts.
Superb Hosiery	For Xmas Gifts.	Beautiful Down Comforters	For Xmas Gifts.
The Prettiest of Handkerchiefs	For Xmas Gifts.	Handsome Blankets	For Xmas Gifts.
Delightful Perfumery	For Xmas Gifts.	Perfection of Footwear in Ladies' Shoes	For Xmas Gifts.
Magnificent Sofa Pillows	For Xmas Gifts.	Equally Perfect Men's Shoes	For Xmas Gifts.
Dainty Head Rests	For Xmas Gifts.	Wonderful Assortment of Slippers	For Xmas Gifts.
Fascinating Fascinators	For Xmas Gifts.	Charming Line of Gents' Neckwear	For Xmas Gifts.
Handsome Shetland Shawls	For Xmas Gifts.	Handsome Silk Mufflers	For Xmas Gifts.
Dainty Baby Booties	For Xmas Gifts.	Boxes of Sox	For Xmas Gifts.
Elegant Assortment of Wool Knit Goods	For Xmas Gifts.	Beautiful Initial Silk Handkerchiefs	For Xmas Gifts.
Immense Assortment of Ladies' Gloves	For Xmas Gifts.	Splendid Line of Men's Gloves	For Xmas Gifts.
Beautiful Art Work	For Xmas Gifts.	Comfortable Underwear	For Xmas Gifts.
Handsome Millinery	For Xmas Gifts.	Boys' and Men's Sweaters	For Xmas Gifts.
Elegant Capes and Jackets	For Xmas Gifts.	White and Fancy Colored Shirts	For Xmas Gifts.
Pretty Feather Boas	For Xmas Gifts.	Exquisitely Embroidered Silk Suspender	For Xmas Gifts.
Five Fur Collarettes	For Xmas Gifts.	Boys' Suits	For Xmas Gifts.
Exquisite Silks	For Xmas Gifts.	Men's Suits	For Xmas Gifts.
The Prettiest Weaves of Dress Goods	For Xmas Gifts.	Boys' Overcoats	For Xmas Gifts.
Ladies' Handsome Tailor Made Suits	For Xmas Gifts.	Men's Overcoats	For Xmas Gifts.
Novelty Golf Capes	For Xmas Gifts.	Handsomely Assorted Stock of Boys' and Men's Hats	For Xmas Gifts.

This week we shall close out our entire stock of Dolls and Fancy Xmas Goods at half price. These are but a few suggestions called cursorily from an immense stock. There are thousands of others at the

White Front Stores,

RADIN & KAMP,

1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031 I Street.

IT TAKES THE CAKE.

In fact, it takes a lot of them to inaugurate a big sale like the one that is going on at

SCOTT'S MAMMOTH CASH STORES,

and will last until January 1, 1898. He is making you some good offers that we know you will not fail to take advantage of. Below we grab a few handfuls to give you an idea, but don't fall into the error of thinking Scott has no others; he has lots at prices lower than any house in this valley.

Are your biscuits tough and heavy? Probably you are not to blame for it; it may be that you use poor Baking Powder. Try a 1-pound can of Scott's Economy at 25c. Every can will give satisfaction; no two ways about it, or he will sell you.	Sugar Cured Hams—These Hams are taken from selected corn-fed hogs, specially trimmed and are transported here, and in order to get them introduced Scott will for the next ten days sell them at actual cost, which will be 11 Cents Per Pound.
1 pound can Price's Cream..... 25c 1 pound can Red Seal..... 35c 1 pound can Borden's..... 35c 25 ounce can Home..... 20c	Home-Rendered Lard—Scott is headquarters for pure rendered Lard. He gets it once a week direct from his slaughter house and is selling it at
A dinner; what shall it be? That's the question that often confronts housewives. Scott has it.	5 pound can..... 45c 10 pound can..... 90c 20 pound can..... \$1.75 5 pound can Silver Leaf..... 50c 10 pound can Silver Leaf..... 90c 10 pound can Oysters..... 90c 10 pound can Oysters..... 90c Adult Lard with lard and tallow at 85c, 65c and 41.25 per can.
1 pound can Macaroni and Cheese..... 10c 2 pound can Macaroni and Cheese..... 16c 3 pound can Macaroni and Cheese..... 22c 2 pound can Heinz's Baked Beans..... 20c 3 pound can Boston Baked Beans..... 23c 3 pound can Sweet Potatoes..... 13c Jams and Jellies, something nice, put up in 2 1/2 pint fancy glasses, regular price 20c, but Scott is selling them at 10c each.	Washing Powder—You know all about its good qualities, and Scott's stores is the place to get it.
Washing Soaps—We are cranks on soap and have tried all brands, but have never had any soap to equal Scott's Cream Soap in quality and price.	1 pound package Pearlina..... 10c 3 pound package Boraxaid..... 20c 3 pound package Gold Dust..... 20c
6 bars, full size..... 25c 12 bars Savon..... 25c 6 bars Borax..... 25c 15 bars Toilet..... 25c	Syrup and Molasses—This is the time of year you often want table Syrup and Molasses. Scott has it direct from Louisiana.
	1 gallon Cream Syrup..... 50c 1 gallon Cream Molasses..... 50c

If you have not bought your Citron, Orange and Lemon Peels, Currants, Seeded Raisins, Mince Meat, Walnuts, Almonds, and in fact everything that is used for a Christmas dinner, you should not fail to step in at SCOTT'S and see his fine display.

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

Fresno, December 21.—Observations taken at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Barometer.....	30.20
Temperature, dry bulb.....	47
Temperature, wet bulb.....	40
Humidity, percent.....	68
Wind, S.W. (miles per hour).....	1
Maximum temperature for past 24 hours.....	50
Minimum temperature for past 24 hours.....	22
Total rainfall past 24 hours, inches.....	.06
Total rainfall for season, inches.....	1.87

Weather Forecast.
San Francisco, December 21.—Official forecast for California: 24 hours, ending 5 p.m., December 22.—Northern California.—Fair Wednesday; colder with frost; fresh westerly winds.
Southern California.—Fair Wednesday; colder; heavy frost in the morning; fresh westerly winds.

The Republican may be had in San Francisco at the Palace Hotel news stand.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Beneficial assortment of Christmas goods at Hollands', K and Mariposa. Gang plays at Kildesons'. Coal, wood. Tel. 49. Collins. Dressed poultry at City Market. Read mountain apples at Hines'. Head B. T. Scott's advertisement. Wood and coal—Dorsey & Parker. Order a good turkey at Blackie's. Carriage trimming at Schweitzer's. Sweet mountain cider at Blackie's. Blackie wants one thousand turkeys. World bicycles, \$33.50—R. G. Barton & Co. Mrs. Cross' chicken tamales at Brunton's. Live and dressed poultry at the City Market. French candies, forty cents at Norton & Brunton's. Fine brooches at S. Kashishyan's, 1740 Mariposa street. Go to Downing's for your fine candies and fancy boxes. Useful Christmas gifts at Donahoe, Bunnous & Co.'s. Savoury scones, S. Kashishyan's, 1740 Mariposa street. A beautiful and appropriate holiday present—"Imperial Fresno." Cash talks. Flow moulds \$2.50 per lb. as Fresno Agricultural Works. Buy your wool and coal from National and Fuel Co. Telephone 62. Republic business office, telephone main 97. Editorial rooms, main 101. Order a fat turkey for Christmas from the Labor Exchange. Telephone black 311. Christmas perfume at 1300 J street. Home industry. Produce taken in exchange. F. A. Foin has been appointed administrator of the estate of Delia J. Dorsey, deceased. "Imperial Fresno" on sale at Centley's, Kiegs', South & Fentons' and the Republican office. Fancy candy boxes and baskets for holiday presents at Norton & Brunton's at least three cuts. Just the thing to send to your friends in the East—"Imperial Fresno" in leatherette, 75 cents. The nearest guess to the number of seeds in the pumpkin gets the bicycle at the Universal Restaurant. You will never have cold feet or chilblains if you wear our cork sole seal shoes. Philadelphia Shoe Store. Downing's 10 cent cream mixed candy is the finest in the state for the price—no bucket candy, all home made. New England supper, Grand Central hotel, Wednesday evening, December 22, 1897. All New Englanders invited. Wonderful millinery bargains at the White Front Stores. Half price is all they ask. Entire line to be cleared by January 1st. S. F. Glasgow has commenced suit in the superior court against J. M. Robinson to secure the payment of a promissory note for \$1345. "Imperial Fresno," showing the resources, industries and scenery of Fresno county, may be had at the REPUBLICAN office, 1242 Tulare street. Leatherette 70c, cloth \$1.50. Charles W. Outten, administrator of the estate of James R. Outten, deceased, has completed his duties in relation to the same and has been discharged by Judge E. W. Riley. The orphans will have their Christmas tree at the home Friday afternoon, the 24th. Toys, candies, clothing or donations of any description can be left at the home of Mrs. J. J. Seymour, 1135 N street. The churches of Fresno will hold a union meeting on the first Sunday in 1898 under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League. It is expected that this will be one of the greatest temperance meetings ever held in Fresno. Rev. J. W. Webb, field secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, has returned from the north, where he has been delivering lectures in the interest of the league and the further extension of the usefulness of his order. He reports great attendance at the meetings and increased interest in the league. The White Front Stores have just received a special holiday line of one hundred dozen ladies' white lawn handkerchiefs, beautifully hemstitched and elegantly decorated in floral and conventional designs. They are well worth 25 cents, but as a Xmas offering will be given away at 10 cents each. You have never seen such handkerchiefs at the price.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Picture frames and leather goods at Kiegs' book store.

Card from Frank Flester.

Not that I want to throw any bouquets at myself, but incidentally I would like to state that from where I sit it looks as if my Picture Frames, Mouldings and Pictures are just the little bit finer than any dealer has ever dreamed of carrying in Fresno—"And that's no joke." Take a look at my windows occasionally; they will tell you what I am doing.

FRANK FLESTER,
Opposite Barton opera house.

Baking Powder

should not be judged by leavening strength alone.

See also which baking powder makes your cake keep longest.

Money-back if you don't like Schilling's Best.

Baking powder and money—both at your grocer's.

A Schilling & Company
San Francisco

SCHOOL BOARD.

Improvement of the Central Block.

Church Wants to Trade It for Another Site.

The Holiday Vacation for the Schools Will Begin Tomorrow Evening.

The city school board held an adjourned meeting yesterday at the office of Superintendent Kirk and considerable business was transacted. All the members were present. Trustees Church submitted a report in which he recommended the purchase of copies of Professor J. W. Anderson's "School Manual" for the use of the city superintendent and the members of the board. The recommendation was adopted.

The matter of improving the Central block grounds was then taken up. Mr. Stephens reported that he had interviewed two engineers, but they could give no accurate estimate of the cost of grading the grounds without having a survey made. This would cost \$50, and Mr. Stephens did not feel justified in incurring this expense to the district without first consulting the board. The engineers to whom he had spoken were of the opinion that where the land slopes in the southwestern part of the block it should be graded in terraces.

Trustees Church objected to the expenditure of money to improve the grounds. He thought that in two or three years the old Central building could be abandoned and a new one erected. This new building, Judge Church said, should be located three or four blocks further out on Fresno street, so that in the future it will be nearer the center of population in that district of the city. Judge Church believes implicitly that Fresno's population will greatly increase within the next few years and he wants to prepare for "ultimate" requirements. The idea he advanced was that the Central block should be traded for some more favorable site and that the district would receive a substantial cash consideration for taking property so far further from the business center of the city.

Further action on the improvement of the grounds was deferred to the next regular meeting on the first Monday in January.

On motion of Trustees Stephens, seconded by Mr. Robin, it was decided to adjourn the meeting on Thursday evening for the holiday vacation. The vacation will extend from tomorrow evening to January 13d.

Secretary Hogue was instructed to draw warrants to pay the teachers their salaries for the three weeks ending tomorrow. The schoolmen went to work for the day.

Superintendent Bailey explained that the iron-clad rule established by the board to allow excuses for tardiness of pupils only on grounds of sickness or death in the family would be a hardship on those pupils whose parents were reasonable but did not come within the rule. In one instance a boy who drives to the high school from the country every morning had met with an accident to his buggy, and he was delayed twenty-five minutes. He was not sick and no one had died in the family, and therefore he was punished for tardiness. The board at once passed a motion that the teachers accept excuses in cases where the pupils are not to blame for tardiness or absence.

Professor Walter A. Tenney, the instructor of manual training, submitted to the board a set of plans he had drawn for improving the grounds around the high school building. Some months ago the board paid \$10 for plans submitted by a gardener, but Professor Tenney's are not nearly as complicated and are more satisfactory to the trustees. Messrs. Stephens, Day and Tenney were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of shrubbery and trees to be planted according to the Professor's plan.

Superintendent Bailey suggested that the first term of the school year should be full eighteen weeks and not the latter part of January. On motion the suggestion was adopted. The superintendent reported that he had received three bids for equipping the high school building with an electric lighting system. Action was deferred till the regular meeting.

The purchase of pencil sharpeners and machines for cleaning blackboard erasers was referred to the committee on supplies. Hereafter the pupils have been required to clean the erasers by heating them. The children would fill their clothing with the dust and inhale it into their lungs, and the machines will be an acceptable innovation.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Louis Luetz Passes Away at the Germania House.

Louis Luetz, a native of France, aged about 45 years, died last evening at the Germania house on I street, near Kern. He had been ailing for several days with malaria fever, and last evening was making a bad yard in a dying condition. He was assisted to his room, where he expired in a few minutes.

Luetz has been in and around Fresno for several years, and worked for a long time at the Fresno vineyard. He has a brother living at Grangeville, Kings county. On the person of the deceased was found a bank book showing that he had a considerable sum of money on deposit. Coroner Long will hold an inquest this morning.

INSTITUTE AT SELMA.

Professors F. T. Bioletti and D. T. Fowler Will Lecture.

John S. Doro has received a letter stating that Professor Bioletti will be present at the Selma farmers' institute next week, and will deliver his lectures on "Vine Diseases" and "Pruning and Grafting the Vine."

Professor Fowler will speak on "Wheat Culture" and probably on the subject of "Sugar Beet Culture." The institute will be held on Thursday and Friday, December 30th and 31st.

The children of the Orange Center school will give their Christmas entertainment at Austin hall, Thursday, December 23d.

DRESS GOODS AND GARMENTS.

LOUIS EINSTEIN & CO.

CARPETS & HOUSE FURNISHINGS



We have been busy for weeks, preparing a vast collection of desirable presents for old and young, practical things, which are none the less welcome, and you will find OUR GREAT DISPLAY an important factor in filling the numerous items on your list.

Dry Goods Department.

Single Dress Patterns in exclusive designs, both in black, colors and novelty mixtures.

From \$2.50 to \$20.00.

DAINTY SILKS

For Waists and Skirts.

CAPES AND JACKETS

For Ladies, Misses and Children.

Our great reduction sale will be continued up to the holidays, and no one should be without a garment when prices are out like ours.

LINEN GOODS.

Fine selection of Richardson's celebrated Table Damasks; also special Table Sets.

Damasks From 75c to \$2.

3-4 Napkins \$2.50 to \$6.

TABLE COVERS.

Newest designs in 6-4, 8-4 and 10-4 Tapestry Table Covers.

From \$1 to \$5.50.

OUR GREAT SPECIALTY:

CARPETS, RUGS, LACE CURTAINS, PORTIERES.

With each pair of Lace Curtains bought from us a Curtain Pole will be given away.

Special Holiday Lines of GENTS' NECKWEAR, HANDKERCHIEFS, MUFFLERS, GLOVES, SUSPENDERS.

Fancy Goods Department.

Our Great Display of Handkerchiefs.

A hundred patterns of Scalloped and Hemstitched Embroidered Handkerchiefs from 25c to 75c.

Immense assortment of Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs from 35c to 25c each.

Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with hand-worked initials, 3 for 50c.

Silk Embroidered Handkerchiefs, a great selection, from 10c to \$1 each.

Children's Colored Border Hemmed Handkerchiefs at 25c dozen.

SPECIAL: A consignment of the very finest Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs on very sheer batiste, artistic designs and only one of a pattern, from \$1.50 to \$10 each.

Rich Cut Glass. Prices from \$2.00 to \$20.

Bohemian Vases and other Fancy Glassware, the newest.

Wedgewood Fancy Ware.

Artistic Faience Figures.

Dresden China.

Delit Ware.

Jardiniere, and Rockton Vases from the Stockton Art Pottery Works.

Dinner Sets from stock patterns made up at all prices.

Tea Sets from \$2.50 up.

Salad Sets, Marsh Sets.

Decorated Plates, Cake Plates.

Celery and Olive Dishes.

Over 200 patterns in Fancy Cups and Saucers.

Mustache Cups and Saucers.

Water and Lemonade Sets, with or without Tray.

LAMPS!

Library, Hall, Parlor, Black Iron, Brass and Onyx.

Lamps.

Globes and shades the latest.

Wm. Rogers Manufacturing Co. XII Plated Table Cutlery in plain and fancy patterns.

Children's Sets of Cups and Saucers and Spoons, Plated Mugs.

Perfumery and Toilet Articles.

Ladies' Gauntlet Gloves at 50c and 75c pair.

Ladies' Umbrellas in the newest style handles from \$1.25 to \$5.50.

Best lines of Foster 5-hook and 2-clasp Gloves at \$1 a pair, in all shades and sizes.

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DR. GILSTRAP, DENTIST, The Famous Tooth Extractor.

Over Fresno Undertaking Parlor, 1025 J street, December 20th to 23rd—Four Days Only.

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS, "974" The best family medicine. Guaranteed by Baker & Colson.

Clearance :: Sale.

Farming Implements, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Mowers, Rakes, etc., AT A COST. This line must be closed out for want of room. Our other departments are demanding more space.

Cook Stoves at Cost Until Our New Line Arrives. DONAHOO, EMMONS & CO.

Look Here!!

FOR the Holidays.

FOR the BEST and CHOICEST of Goods. FOR the LARGEST ASSORTMENT. FOR Honest and Reliable Goods. FOR the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

R. Ruben & Son,

1115 AND 1117 I STREET, JOBBERS OF Fine Wines and Liquors.

Retailed at Wholesale Prices. Agents for the Famous A B C Bohemian Beer.

MORE SCHOOLS.

Petitions for Four New Districts.

They Have Been Presented to Supt. Kirk.

Gratifying Extension of the Public School System in Fresno County.

Superintendent T. J. Kirk has petitioned for consideration for the organization of four new school districts in Fresno county. He will make his report on them to the supervisors when they meet next month and the board will decide as to the formation of the districts. Mr. Kirk will undoubtedly recommend that the new schools be established, and his advice is always followed in such matters by the county fathers.

Parents have petitioned for the formation of a school district at Millwood, the former site of the Sequoia Mills in the Sierras. Fifteen parents have signed the petition and they have thirty-eight children between the ages of 5 and 17 years. The purpose is to establish a school for the summer months, when there are many people around the head of the flume, families of mill workmen and campers.

The following is the boundary of the proposed district: Beginning at the southeast corner of section 1 in township 14 north, range 27 east, thence north four miles to the southwest corner of section 4 in township 14 north, range 27 east, thence north along section line to Kings river, a distance of ten or more miles; thence up along the meanderings of said river to where it is crossed by the range line between ranges 27 and 28 east, thence south along said range line to the place of beginning.

Ten parents and guardians, with fifty-four children, petition for the formation of a new district to be known as East Fresno. It lies immediately east of the city and the proposed district embraces the East Fresno election precinct. The county orphanage is in the district and the forty-three children of that institution will form the greater part of the school.

Six parents and guardians are trying to organize a school district at McMillin, the station on the West Side railroad. They have eleven boys and six girls. The following is the boundary of the proposed district: Commencing in range 18, township 14, at the northeast corner of section 28, thence west one mile, thence north two miles, thence west three miles to northwest corner of section 12, in township 14, range 17, thence south seven miles to southeast corner of section 12, township 15, range 17, thence one mile east, thence one mile south to southeast corner of section 13, in township 15, range 18, thence east to southeast corner of section 14, township 15, range 18, thence north five miles to place of beginning.

At Converse basin, the new site of the Sequoia mills, and about nine miles beyond Millwood, it is also desired to have a public school during the summer months when the families of mill workmen are located there. The petition was signed by nine parents and guardians, who have in all twenty children. The following is the boundary described: Beginning at the southwest corner of section 31 in township 13, range 28, on the county line between Fresno and Tulare counties, thence north along the county line to Kings river, a distance of about four miles over the trail, thence making it impossible for the children to attend school there.

The distance to the Millerton school house is only about two miles.

NEWS FROM CLOVIS.

Night Shift Discontinued at the Box Factory—Christmas Tree. "The School Ma'am" came off according to advertisement last Wednesday evening, and was played before a large and enthusiastic audience. Twenty-five dollars was taken in above expenses to go into the school organ fund.

J. J. Doak, head manager of the W. of W., delivered an address to a very appreciative audience at the hall Thursday evening on the subject of Woodcraft. Three applicants were received by the local camp. This will give the boys an opportunity to limber up their "goats."

The firm of W. A. Hurry and Company is no more, having sold out its grocery business to Mr. Ostrander, who will put in a new and complete stock. People who think that running a boarding house in Clovis is a lucrative business now have a chance to start up in the house vacated last Thursday by Mrs. Appleby. The trouble is there are already too many eating houses here for the number of people who patronize them.

Saturday night was the last of the night shift's work for this season in the box factory. "God," however, put most of the men to work with the day crew. The box Saturday evening was enjoyed by about thirty couples in spite of the cold weather.

Mr. McCord contemplates adding some new scenery and a drop curtain to the stage in his hall. It is in doing a dramatic company will be organized and plays given every month during the winter and spring.

Dr. Corlew, who has been on the sick list for several days, is recovered sufficiently to be out again. "Cap" Keenan, is in town again, having come down from Pine Ridge, where he has been working for the past two months. Gay Britten is remodeling one of Boh Good's houses.

Rev. Merrill is holding a series of revival meetings at the Baptist church. Elaborate preparations are being made for a union Christmas tree Friday evening.

ing in McCord's hall, to which every one is cordially invited. Mrs. Kelley, chairman of the soliciting committee, reports success. It is intended to put something on the tree for every child in Clovis, which means considerable, for there are some children on the street in Clovis who have no place on the map. F. P. Gray, B. S. Parker and Fannie Lane have been appointed a committee to receive presents which people may wish to have put on the tree. A fine program has been arranged and will be rendered before the presents are distributed.

George Donan, a former townsman, came over from Sanger last week and spent a few days with friends here. I. S. Knight and wife came out from Fresno and took in the "School Ma'am."

A very pleasant surprise party and candy pulling was given at the home of W. E. Underwood last Monday evening in honor of Henry Darby, who left the next day to spend Christmas with his mother in the Sacramento valley.

Miss Owen and Miss Goss arrived on today's train. DAVE N. POIR, Clovis, December 21, 1897.

That Verbalist. The minister of lyric expression, the very delicate means in his hands, the subtle by harmonious, the melodious strings of the melodious, the strange, symbolic, the impression which the poet gives to give him. "I pleure dans l'air, comme il pleure sur la ville," says the poet, and the use of assonance and alliteration ("pleure," "pleure") gives to the lines pleasing harmony and to the picture charm and color. To move the sensitive soul of the listener by the music of the rhyme, such is Verlaine's aim.

When Leconte de Lisle died, one of the Parisian reviews asked the literary and artists who, after the author of "Poemes Barbares," was worthy to take up the national flag. The votes of the literati were astonished at such an artistic phibetism. The new poet laureate was so little known. Nevertheless many lovers of poetry loved and admired him. But how many lovers of poetry per the art.

Paul Verlaine died Jan. 9, 1896, and was buried two days later in the Cimetiere de Montparnasse. The right between of local Democratic circles don't like to be turned down with such a trick and it may cause some one to play the duce when the next hand is dealt.

The Decline of Man. There seems to be some uncertainty as to the size of our great mother, the French giantess. Her height, however, fixed by a position satisfactory at least to himself. He gives the following table of the relative heights of several eminent historical personages.

Adam was precisely 123 feet 9 inches high. Eve was precisely 118 feet 9.75 inches high. Noah was precisely 108 feet high. Abraham was precisely 47 feet high. Moses was precisely 13 feet high. Hercules was precisely 6 feet high. Alexander was precisely 6 feet high. Julius Caesar was precisely 5 feet high.

Atmospheric Temperature. The temperature of the atmosphere, on an average, about one degree for every 300 feet that we ascend or descend at the same rate as we descend. The mean temperature at the north pole is 0 and at the equator between 80 and 90 degrees. We can, therefore, go into a temperature one degree colder for every 70 or 80 miles that we travel north, and in a temperature one degree warmer for every 70 or 80 miles that we travel south.—Philadelphia Times.

Two Indies driving along the Bathurst (N. S. W.) road recently overtook a small boy trudging wearily along on bare feet. When given a "lift," it was found he had walked from Lawson to the valley (12 miles) to buy a loaf of bread, which was a penny cheaper there. Twenty-four miles to save a penny!

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. The following real estate transfers were recorded yesterday:

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TOO HIGH-TONED.

Castle Shocks San Diego Populists.

Only Those Having Cards Were Allowed to See Their Congressman.

From the San Diego Tribune. A real shock was received to true Jeffersonian democratic simplicity, if genuine, manifested by the wool democratic information is to be believed, on the occasion of the recent visit here of Dr. Castle of Merced, who temporarily represents the Seventh California district in congress.

Several of our prominent Democratic wheel-horses, although feeling some strange sensations when hit upon in a Populist team, yet believe that as they voted for the Doctor they should at least call upon him while here, as a matter of courtesy.

Proceeding to the hotel where he was stopping, they asked to see their congressman, and were invariably stopped with a request for their cards. "Cards, said one, 'I never had to send my card to Bowers, or to any other congressman, and I won't begin now.'"

And off he marched, disgusted. Among others calling were the well-known citizens, James McNair and T. M. Shaw. "Do you take me for a dude?" says James when asked for a card. "I don't carry around any cards," says McNair. "I don't carry around any cards," says McNair.

And off marched James and Tom Shaw. Those who went through the formalities and reached the sacred precincts of the lower section say it was a fourth-floor back seven-by-five room, and "chock-a-block" with Populists, with J. L. Dryden acting as steering committee for our worthy representatives.

All will hope the good doctor had an enjoyable visit here even if he did vote against protecting our wool industry in southern California. The right between of local Democratic circles don't like to be turned down with such a trick and it may cause some one to play the duce when the next hand is dealt.

There is, however, some ominous discontent in local Jeffersonian circles, at this last deal of the "cards," and it may cause a decided vote when the next shuffle takes place.

The Decline of Man. There seems to be some uncertainty as to the size of our great mother, the French giantess. Her height, however, fixed by a position satisfactory at least to himself. He gives the following table of the relative heights of several eminent historical personages.

Adam was precisely 123 feet 9 inches high. Eve was precisely 118 feet 9.75 inches high. Noah was precisely 108 feet high. Abraham was precisely 47 feet high. Moses was precisely 13 feet high. Hercules was precisely 6 feet high. Alexander was precisely 6 feet high. Julius Caesar was precisely 5 feet high.

Atmospheric Temperature. The temperature of the atmosphere, on an average, about one degree for every 300 feet that we ascend or descend at the same rate as we descend. The mean temperature at the north pole is 0 and at the equator between 80 and 90 degrees. We can, therefore, go into a temperature one degree colder for every 70 or 80 miles that we travel north, and in a temperature one degree warmer for every 70 or 80 miles that we travel south.—Philadelphia Times.

Two Indies driving along the Bathurst (N. S. W.) road recently overtook a small boy trudging wearily along on bare feet. When given a "lift," it was found he had walked from Lawson to the valley (12 miles) to buy a loaf of bread, which was a penny cheaper there. Twenty-four miles to save a penny!

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. The following real estate transfers were recorded yesterday:

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